

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT
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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

"I cannot tell how the truth may be,
I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

A little daughter of W. W. Carney is reported quite ill.

Commissioner Schwier was in town Monday on business.

The electric call bells are now put in the Morrison hotel.

Charley Williamson's children are quite ill with diphtheria.

Chas. Reeder was down from Clarence Monday, on business.

Mrs. Shulky, formerly of Great Bend, is very ill in Hoisington.

John Boyle, of Albion township, was in town Monday on business.

Jake Miller has returned from California; looking hale and hearty.

Mr. Sig Jacoby, of Hoisington, was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Col. Huttman was up from Ellinwood Monday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hubbard are expected home soon from California.

Wilke Duitman, a store keeper of Albert, was in the city Friday on business.

Mrs. Fosburg, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks is nearly well again.

Superintendent Wolfe took a trip out among the country schools Monday afternoon.

C. H. Barnes and wife, of Sterling, Kansas, are visiting the family of C. B. Morgan.

The steam-fitters are putting in the heating works for the new school house, on the east side.

The milling companies of this city are making big shipments last week to the western markets.

An interior Kansas newspaper speaks of a man "who committed suicide by his own hand."

Kelley Bros. have sold over two thousand bricks for the erection of the Parker building in Ellinwood.

A marriage license has been granted to Joseph Markel, of Coolidge and Miss Bertha S. Bardwell, of this city.

Mart Cone returned Saturday from California. He brought back with him a number of relics and "choice" articles of virtue.

Mr. Chas. E. Sowle was the first voter to register in this city in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

H. J. Sturgis, assignee of M. Baker & Sons, of Hoisington, Kansas, made a payment of fifteen per cent. to creditors this week.

One of the city maids, on study bent, nigh to the school house drew; when with a flip-flop down she went, her hosiery was blue!

Last summer's drouth was a blessing in disguise, for it taught farmers the value of the fodder crop, which had previously been wasted.

Ed. Crilly came back from Arkansas Friday. He has been in bad health for a few weeks, and came back to Kansas to recuperate.

R. C. Gaily writes to Mr. Keeney that he is coming back to Great Bend to live in the spring; that California is a "shed" of a country, etc.

When it comes to arranging things with taste it takes a lady to oversee the work. Mrs. E. Tyler has shown much taste in displaying the queens-ware in the Tyler grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brinkman returned to Kansas City Sunday night. They intended making a longer visit, but were called home by a telegram stating one of their children was ill.

Kansas Day, the 30th day of January will be appropriately observed in this city. The schools will take part in the exercises, and professional men and old settlers will be the speech makers.

The members of the Great Bend band are endeavoring to get Prof. C. H. Six, of Indiana, to come and instruct the band. Professor Six is a composer as well as an instructor in music.

Lost—Jan. 13, between Walnut Creek Mills and old Seward P. O., a ladies hand bag, light colored leather, containing a pair of silk mits, jewelry, etc. A liberal reward will be given by returning hand bag to this office.

Skating on the river is now about played out; the snow and sand having drifted over the ice and spoiled it for skating purposes.

W. C. Bradshaw dropped in to see us Monday, and tarried long enough to tell us there was nothing unusual going on in his neighborhood.

"Don't trouble yourself to stretch your mouth any wider," said a dentist to his patient; "I intend to stand outside to draw your tooth."

There is no time like the present time for speaking a kind word, doing a good deed, paying your debts and—subscribing for your home paper.

Will Kelley's little son, Cliff, fell and cut a bad gash over one of his eyes Saturday. Dr. Lightfoot was summoned and sewed the wound up.

The following toast was recently received with great applause:—"The ladies—their eyes kindle the only flame against which there is no insurance."

The union meetings will be continued in the M. E. Church this week. Saturday and last night's meetings were largely attended. Several were converted last week.

Saturday night S. B. Chappell gave a drawing for one of his best horses. The drawing came off in Hooper's drug store, and Charley Hooper drew the lucky number.

Mrs. Cheaney says someone made a raid on her beef and took the best of it. Those who follow such business generally get the best except when they get cold lead or law. Mr. Cole says that about \$100, has been stolen from his sister (Mrs. Cheaney) in the past year.—Seward Independent.

Last Saturday night a man was in Theo. Griffith's grocery house and on going out he converted a sack of flour to his own use. The flour was outside of the store on one of the barrels. Mr. Griffith thought at first he was going to hide the flour, but as the man has not said anything about it since, he has concluded there must be something crooked about it.

Young man, don't follow good advice. Just seize it and act upon it. Many men claim to be followers of the Lord, and the trouble is they spend their whole time in following, when they ought to be working with Him. That colt follows his mother, but it is because he is a colt. When he gets old enough to work, he will not be expected to follow, but he will be harnessed and put to work.

See the point?—Western Plowman.

Wiser & Co., the drillers who were here Thursday, have secured the contract for boring for natural gas near this city. They have telegraphed for their drilling machinery, which is at Louisville, Kentucky, and the drilling will commence as soon as things are put in readiness, which will, from what we have learned, be within thirty days. It has not been decided yet where the well will be located, but we are of the opinion that it will be north of town.

Last week we made mention of the arrival of a new boy at the home of our townsman D. E. Hughes, at present temporarily living at Kinsley. Last evening Mr. Hughes informed us of a coincidence that is worthy of mention. It is this: On the day of the birth of the boy mentioned (the 12th inst.) Mr. Hughes was 56 years and ten days old, and his worthy wife 44 years old lacking 10 days, making their combined ages just 100 years at the very day of the coming of the babe.

Golden Star Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star, met at Masonic hall Saturday evening last. A goodly number of the lady members were out and manifested considerable interest in the meeting. Arrangements are being made for a banquet in the near future, and with commodious and elegantly furnished masonic headquarters wherein to hold their meetings the Golden Star Chapter will doubtless soon become a pleasurable order.

"Whatever man may, or may not be, he is a working animal, as busy as bees and beavers, and the string that pulls this nimble jumping-jack is the love of money and that which money will bring. Talk about the love of money being the root of all evil! when, in fact, it is the root from which all civilization springs. And without that love, we should all be nasty savages living from hand to mouth, and dwelling in wigwags, hollow trees and caves with the other 'varmint.'"

Mr. L. E. Savage, traveling agent for the Canon City Coal Co., was in the city last week, and in conversation with a reporter stated that it was an impossibility for the mines to meet the coal demand, and also that on account of the cold weather, causing engines and other machinery to freeze up, Canon City coal would be slow coming in for a short time, but would in a few weeks be able to supply the great demand. We are glad to say that our coal dealers have a good supply of other coals on hand, and there is no danger of people in this city suffering for want of fuel.

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A Story By A Kansas Woman.

The story of "Esther, the Gentile," which is being printed in the *Sunday Capital*, written by Mrs. J. K. Hudson, will be published in book form February 1st. It is a well written, interesting story of more than ordinary power, having the great Mormon iniquity as a basis. It is a Kansas book, written by a Kansas woman, and published by a Kansas publisher, (Geo. W. Crane & Co.) It is printed in plain type, on heavy laid paper, with handsome cloth binding. The price is \$1.00 per volume, sent postage paid, to any address. Orders may be sent to Geo. W. Crane & Co., or to publisher Daily Capital, Topeka, Kansas. For sale also at all book stores.

The Deceptive Jack.

The Jack-rabbit is a prairie institution which gives the settlers' dogs plenty of exercise. When the settler sees a jack for the first time—starts him up suddenly on the prairie, he imagines that by a quick movement he can lay his hand on him. The rabbit is awkward, appears to be lame in every joint, holds up one foot as though it pained him, and altogether creates the belief that he is a dilapidated wreck of an ungainly animal thing. The settler's dog also is confident that he can quickly make an end of the rabbit. He bristles, runs leisurely toward the rabbit, doubles his speed, doubles it again, trebles that, then quadruples the whole, when the rabbit disappears. There is some flying grass, a vanished streak of light, a twinkling of two prodded feet extending rearward and he is gone. The dog sits on his haunches and concludes that it was a dream, and that he did not see a rabbit at all.

A Grand Record.

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If You Would Be Happy.

Keep your temper.
Gain a little knowledge every day.
Make few promises, and speak the truth.
Give full measures and weigh with a just balance.
Consent to common customs, but not to common folly.
Be cautious of believing ill, but more cautious of reporting it.
Have courage to wear your old clothes until you can pay for the new ones.
Do good to all, that thou mayest keep thy friends and gain thine enemies.
Count your resources; find out what you are not fit for, and give up wishing for it.
Subscribe for the DAILY GRAPHIC for some eastern friend, and make that friend happy also.

VOTING IN AUSTRALIA.

A System Which is Said to Assure Absolute Secrecy of the Ballot.

This plan is the only one ever yet devised for securing the absolute secrecy of the ballot cast. In brief, it consists in having a room adjacent to and communicating with the poll-room, into which the electors are admitted one at a time; the voter selects a ticket on which is printed the names of the offices and the candidates to be voted for. Thus, for the sake of illustration, John Brown and James Robinson are candidates, say for sheriff, Sam Smith and Tom Jones are candidates for State Senator, and John Bull and Sam Uncles are running for Assembly. All these names will be printed on a single ticket, furnished at State expense, and will read as follows:

SHERIFF.
John Brown.
James Robinson.
STATE SENATOR.
Sam Smith.
Tom Jones.
ASSEMBLY.
John Bull.
Sam Uncles.

The voter enters the room in which the ballots are put, to take one up, glances over the names on it (it is essential that he be able to read), and, blue lead pencil in hand, proceeds to prepare the ticket. This is somewhat the appearance it will bear after he is through with it:

SHERIFF.
John Brown.
STATE SENATOR.
Sam Smith.
ASSEMBLY.
John Bull.

His ticket is now complete, he folds it, presents it to the officer, and a vote each goes into the ballot box for Brown, Smith and Bull. No human being but himself knows how he has voted, and no one ever will know unless he chooses to tell. Leading men declare that it will cut up by the roots bribery in the various open or secret forms in which it was conducted at the last election, and they propose to urge its adoption upon the incoming Legislature, not as a party measure, but in the interests of an unpurchasable ballot box.—N. Y. Star.

Friend—Star me r, old boy, I hear you have pure'ased a parrot? Stammer—Ye-ye yeth' an' it ith gw-gw gweat t-f-fu n, you know, I'm te-t-teaching it to to-to-t-talk.—Epoch.

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